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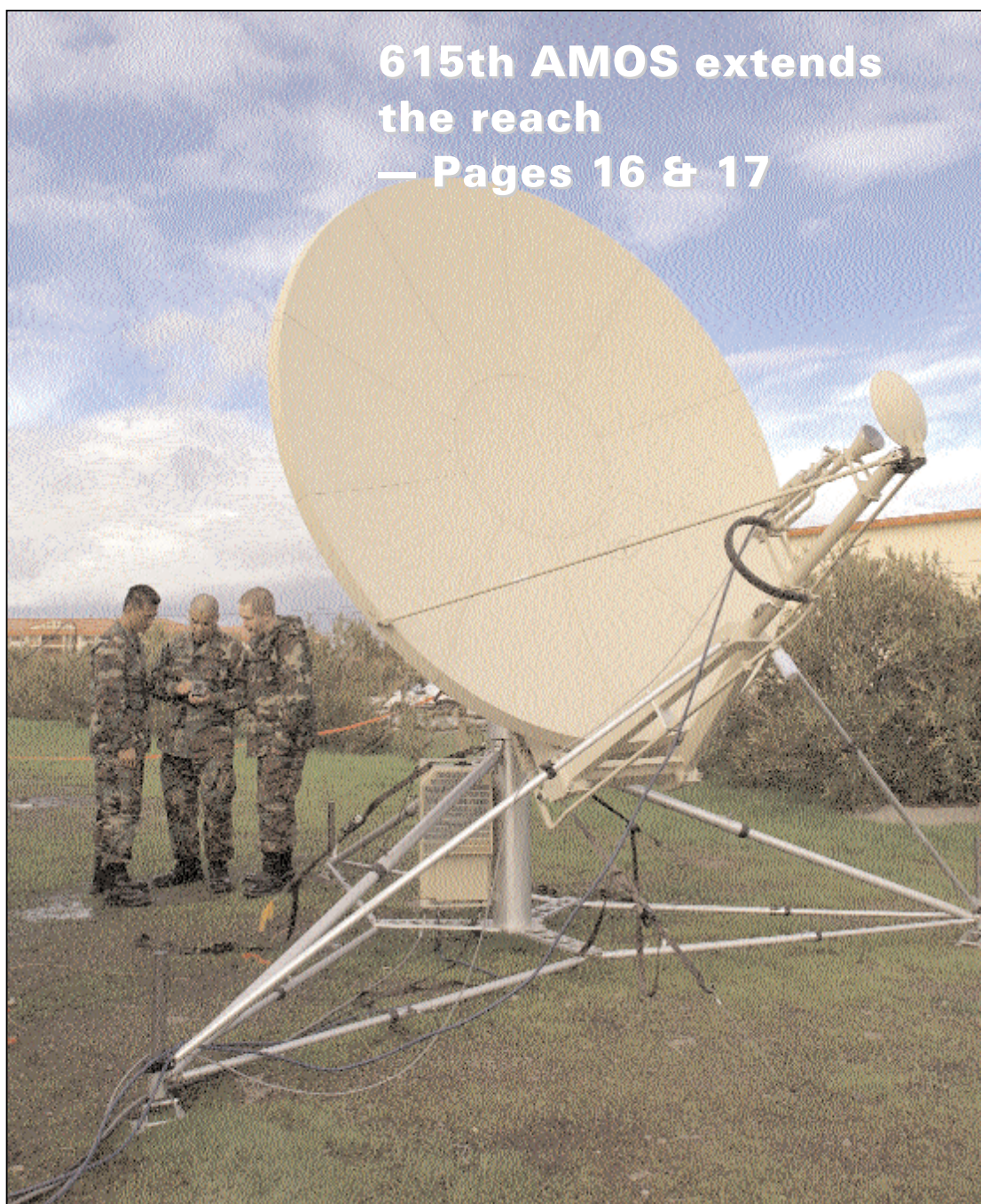
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# Commander's Corner

## Shaping the Force

By General John P. Jumper  
Chief of Staff of the Air Force

Over the last decade, we've seen a dramatic change in our security environment. We reduced our active duty force by nearly 40 percent — from 608,000 to 375,000 — while remaining engaged around the world at levels higher than at any time during the



General John P. Jumper

Cold War. To accommodate the changing world, we have completely transformed our Air Force, from one that dealt with the Soviet and North Korean threats into an agile Air Expeditionary Force, capable of rapidly responding anywhere, with tailored forces ready to deal with any contingency. Our transformation has yielded outstanding results. But, for the past two years, we have exceeded our mandated active duty end strength of 359,000. Under the President's declaration of a national emergency, our excess numbers are appropriate. While this is a temporary situation fueled by the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT), we now need a plan to return to the authorized levels. By the end of 2005, we should reduce the size of our active force by 16,000 people, and we must reshape the force to correct existing skill imbalances and account for a new range of missions in the GWOT.

I know it may not be clear why our active duty end strength needs to decrease

while we are still heavily engaged around the world. Let me explain how we got to this point and what we are doing to fix it.

As a result of several years of high operations tempo, we were given some latitude on how quickly we came down to the legal end strength limit of 359,000. We also suffered an unprecedented recruiting problem during the 1990s. Recruiting has traditionally not been a problem for the Air Force, but a robust economy late in the 1990s had us falling short of recruiting goals for the first time since 1979. As a result, we took in thousands of people using skill mix assumptions that are no longer applicable to the demands of the GWOT. We now have several career fields over-manned, while suffering shortages in others. Our task now is to reduce the force while also fixing this skill mix imbalance.

One area that has affected our end strength is Stop Loss — a program we used in 2002 and 2003 to stop people from separating. When Stop Loss was lifted, many of those Airmen who intended to separate elected to stay. Other policies associated with the GWOT also influenced our end strength. We swelled the force by implementing programs that brought prior-service members and Air Reserve Component volunteers on active duty to fill known critical skill shortages. Perhaps the most significant factor affecting our strength was, and still is, retention. Our goal for first term-enlisted retention is 55 percent, but, at the end of FY03, it was 61 percent. Across the board our retention is up, and for good reason! In addition to an increased sense of patriotism, the tax and pay changes — some implemented for GWOT — really work. Imminent Danger Pay, Hardship Duty Pay, Combat Zone Tax Exclusion, Family Separation Allowance and a host of others, plus bonuses we pay to ensure we can retain critical skills, all

add up to a very attractive compensation package that turned the tide toward staying in uniform. We are proud of our retention rates and that our people are electing to continue to serve.

To start our reshaping effort, we have set new targets for recruiting, from 37,000 this year to 35,600 in FY05 and 34,500 in FY06. We are also working on fixing our stressed career fields. Where we are short of people for the rotational requirement, we've taken action to direct more of our recruits into the stressed career fields. However, we know we can't replace 5 and 7-levels with people right out of technical school. Part of our force shaping will have to be done by retraining and shifting experienced people from over-staffed career fields. Many of our airmen are willing to make the shift, and we will encourage retesting and support for waivers to qualify for retraining into critical skills. But in some career fields, our ability to absorb more people is often limited by training facilities and capacity. We will work to unclog any training backlogs. I am dedicated to reducing our stressed career fields and putting in place the right incentives to retain the people we task the most.

In addition to looking at retention, recruiting, and retraining, we are also looking at where our people are — we have airmen serving in jobs outside the Air Force who don't deploy as part of our AEF. Some of these, such as joint positions and some defense agency positions, require uniformed people, and we benefit by having an airman's perspective in those jobs. Others, however, may not require a uniformed person, or a military person at all. These are positions that we are working to legitimately reclaim into our ranks. Until very recently, we had not made all the manpower cuts we agreed to during the 1990s. We've now made the adjustments in our books — over 13,000 positions eliminated — but we still need to move

some of the people. That means we have airmen with advanced training and professional skills filling positions that no longer exist. It's hard for me to argue to the Congress that we don't have enough people when we should be using some of our airmen in other required positions.

All of these efforts will be combined with several additional force shaping tools to get to our authorized manpower levels and to get the right skills in the right places. We will include initiatives such as restricting reenlistment in overage career fields, voluntary transfers to the ARC, shortening service commitments, limiting officer continuation for those deferred for promotion, commissioning ROTC cadets direct to the ARC, limiting reclassification of those eliminated from technical school, rolling back separation dates, and officer and enlisted retraining.

We are out of balance for the contingency world in which we live. I recently returned from the AOR where I met people who had been deployed for more than 200 days. They take great pride in the job they are doing, but we are being unfair to them and their families. If at all possible, our goal is to give every qualified airman who wants to stay in the Air Force the opportunity to do so. In addition, we will use every tool to shape the force we have available to avoid the extreme measures that were used in the early 1990s.

Saddam Hussein buried his airplanes in the sand rather than face your Air Force. That's respect, and you continue to earn it every day. Secretary Roche and I are proud of you, and are honored to serve with you. We will continue to remain closely engaged on these issues to ensure that we reshape the force into one that is suited for the 21st century while sustaining the standards of excellence and morale that are emblematic of the world's greatest Air Force.

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### Gate Personnel



I'm writing to commend the Army personnel who are man-

ning the entrance gates to Travis AFB. It is such a pleasure to drive through the gate because they always say good morning in such a pleasant way.



Thank you for taking the time to pat our soldiers on the back. The Army National Guard (ARNG) joined our ranks a year ago and will be part of the Security Forces team for another year. Standing the gates can

be an arduous task in its own right and the ARNG answers the call of duty daily beyond reproach. The added benefit to having a multi-service team is that we may learn from each other.

This dynamic relationship has proven to be a "win-win" in which both services will benefit.

We are proud of our soldiers and appreciate their support in protecting the Travis members and resources.

## Base hosts African -American Heritage Month



Photo by Kristina Cilia / Visual Information

60th Air Mobility Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Kirk Whitman and some participants of the African - American Heritage month extravaganza perform traditional dance moves.

By Senior Airman Alice Moore  
60th AMW Public Affairs

The annual Travis African-American Heritage Month kick-off luncheon took place at the Delta Breeze Club Tuesday.

The purpose of the Extravaganza was to celebrate African-American history, culture and achievements, said 2nd Lt. Tora King, 60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and base African - American History Month committee member.

The lieutenant said in addition to lunch, the event hosted several other attractions.

"We provided a health exhibit highlighting health risks prevalent in African Americans. We highlighted the national theme "Brown vs. the Board of Education's" 50th Anniversary. Former major league baseball player Vida Blue was also on hand to sign autographs and give remarks,"

Lieutenant King said.

Gwendolyn Lawton, Coordinator of Pupil Services for Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District, provided insight into the past and future of youth and education, Lieutenant King said.

"This was overall a great event. It was amazing how everyone was able to come together at the last minute to make things happen the way it did. I think it was a good way for the base and local community to come together," said Tech. Sgt. Ricky Griswold, 60th Logistics Readiness Squadron and committee president.

The lieutenant agreed the event was a success and it was just the beginning of a month filled with events for the base to enjoy.

"I definitely encourage the men and women of Travis to be a part of the African-American Heritage Month events."

## VA Fairfield Clinic salutes hospital -

60th Medical Group Public Affairs  
and VA Public Affairs

The Department of Veterans Affairs invites the Travis team community to join in honoring our nation's heroes this Valentine's Day by participating in the 26th annual National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Sunday to Feb. 14 at the Fairfield VA Outpatient Clinic.

Veteran's Affairs facilities across the nation will honor the men and women who have contributed to the defense of our nation and the protection of our freedoms as members of our Armed Forces.

"As America's military forces serve in Iraq and Afghanistan, we are reminded of all the brave men and women who have borne the burdens of war so that we, as a Nation, might live free of fear," stated Lawrence Carroll, acting director for the VA Northern California Health Care System.

"We at the Fairfield VA Outpatient Clinic are privileged to care for America's veterans — men and women who bore the burden at places like Utah Beach, Pork Chop Hill, Khe Sanh and the Persian Gulf," Mr. Carroll said during a kickoff reception held at the Fairfield VA Outpatient Clinic last February. "Each of us privileged to live in this nation has a special place in our hearts for those who served as defenders of freedom. We

invite our community to join us in honoring them during the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans."

VA National Salute program began in 1978 when the VA took over sponsorship of a program started in 1974 by No Greater Love, Inc., a humanitarian organization. VA Voluntary Service staff plan and execute local programs of

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— Lawrence Carroll, acting director of the VA Northern California Health Care Sys-

activities at VA medical centers.

The traditional observance during the week of Valentine's Day is appropriate because the sentiments of caring and sharing match the Salute's purpose of expressing honor and appreciation to hospitalized veterans.

For 14 years, the late newspaper columnist Ann Landers devoted her column in January to the National Salute, asking readers to send Valentine cards and letters to hospitalized veterans at their nearest VA medical centers.

More than a million cards and letters are sent to VA patients each year during the

National Salute. This tradition is carried on this year by the "Annie's Mail Box" reader advice column edited by Landers' long-time associates Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar.

Locally, Mrs. Kelli-Eberle Germeraad organized an extraordinary community effort on behalf of veterans serving at Travis — the Solano Valentine's for Veterans Card Project.

This project — now in its 10th and final year — has been tremendously successful, raising community awareness of the National Salute, and bringing together schoolchildren and community members to pay tribute to our nation's heroes.

"Over the years, veterans throughout our health system have been fortunate to receive thousands of Valentine's cards made by schoolchildren and members of this community," stated Mr. Carroll. "Every citizen can make a positive difference in the life of a veteran. They can show they care by spending time with veterans during the National Salute. A visit from school children and other community groups does much to lift the spirits of our veterans."

For more information or to schedule your National Salute visit contact, Maria Miller-Carelock at (707) 437-1957.

## Travis team welcomes



Lt. Gen. William Welser III, Commander of 18th Air Force, and Mrs. Sue Welser will visit Travis Air Force Base for a tour Monday and Tuesday. The trip includes meetings with Travis personnel, local civic leaders, in addition to a tour of diverse facilities. As Air Mobility Command's warfighting numbered air force, 18th Air Force is responsible for tasking and executing all air mobility missions. It consists of 12 AMC wings, three AMC groups, two Expeditionary Mobility Task Forces, four Air Mobility Operations Groups and the Tanker Airlift Control Center. General Welser assumed command of the 18th Air Force Dec. 1 at Scott



# 60th AMW announces annual award winners



Airman Category : Airman 1st Class Lobalbo, 60th Equipment Maintenance



SCGO category: Capt. Sarah Emory, 660th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron



NCO category : Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Wasik, 60th Civil Engineer Squadron



Civilian employee category: Mr. Merle Baker, 60th Equipment Maintenance



SNCO category: Senior Master Sgt. Luis Drummond, 9th Air Refueling Squadron



Civilian manager category : Mr. John Buchanan, 60th Aerial Port Squadron



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First Sergeant Category Master Sgt. Jeffery Strong, 60th Services Squadron

Honor Guard Category: Senior Airman Annabelle Maligaya, 60th Maintenance Operations Squadron

Seatbelts are hugs from your car!

## Travis scouts celebrate 94 years

By Tech. Sgt. Darrel Jackson  
9th Air Refueling Squadron

In honor of the anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America, Travis' cub scouts Pack 150 will be at the Base Exchange Feb. 14 with a display celebrating 94 years that the program has been providing an educational opportunity for boys to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating in citizenship and to develop personal fitness.

The idea of scouting was developed by Robert Baden-Powell from England. Mr. Baden-Powell discovered that English boys were reading the manual on survival in the wilderness he had written for his military regiment. He rewrote the manual in a non-military format book and called it "Scouting for Boys."

To test his ideas, Mr. Baden-Powell brought together 22 boys at a camp on Brown Sea Island, off the coast of England. This historic campout was a success and resulted in the advent of scouting. Thus, the imagination

and inspiration of Mr. Baden-Powell, later proclaimed Chief Scout of the World, brought scouting to youth the world over.

At the same time in America, many other individuals had developed organizations with the same idea in mind.

In 1909, Chicago publisher William D. Boyce lost his way in a dense London fog. A boy came to his aid and, after guiding the man, refused a tip, explaining that as a scout he would not take a tip for doing a good turn. This gesture by an unknown scout inspired Mr. Boyce to meet with Mr. Baden-Powell, the British founder of the Boy Scouts.

As a result, Mr. Boyce incorporated the Boy Scouts of America Feb. 8, 1910. However, it was not until the 1930s that the Cub Scout program was formed. Cub Scouting is a year-round family program designed for boys who are in the first grade through fifth grade.

Pack 150 will hold its annual Blue & Gold banquet celebrating 94 years of the Boy Scouts

of America Saturday. This special occasion also marks the time when senior Cub Scouts make the bridge from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts.

This year, the Travis Cub Scouts will witness seven boys make the journey from Cub Scouts to Boys Scouts. Travis' Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Girls Scouts have been involved in many base activities over the years helping to support the Travis community.

One of their biggest events is "Scouting for Food," where the scouts collect food for the Family Support Center. Travis Cub Scouts Pack 150 has been a part of the Travis community since 1961. The pack is currently made up of 37 boys and 12 adult leaders and they are always looking for new members and scout leaders.

For more information about the Boy Scouts of America or Cub Scouting, contact Committee Chairman, Lisa Haines, at (916) 374-8590 or Cub master Jim Winter at (707) 437-4183.



Courtesy Photo

Air Education and Training Command's Special Duty Briefing Team will host a briefing here Feb. 24 for anyone interested in becoming a Military Training Instructor.

### Courtesy Article

Anyone interested in becoming a Military Training Instructor should attend the Air Education and Training Command Special Duty Briefing Team Feb. 24 at 10 a.m. in the 60th Air Mobility Wing conference room, Bldg. 51.

"If you're a senior airman through master sergeant with less than 17 years total active service, the AETC Special Duty Briefing Team may have the answer to your Air Force future," said Master Sgt. Charles Brown, chief of the Recruiting Screening Team. "Recruiters are responsible for the number and quality of young men and women who enlist and begin their Air Force careers. Only the best need apply."

In addition to volunteers, recruiting officials

encourage those people who were identified by the Air Force Personnel Center and who were approved by their commander for recruiting duty to attend the briefing, as well as individuals in a mandatory retraining career field, he said.

"Everyone remembers their MTI," said Master Sgt. Jodie Cameron, MTI Recruiting Team superintendent.

"The MTI sets the stage for each individual's success in the Air Force and mentors hundreds of new Air Force members. The job is filled with substantial rewards for those who want to have a hand in molding tomorrow's Air Force," Sergeant Cameron said.

Applicants from all Air Force specialties are eligible to apply and are encouraged to attend. Spouses are also welcome.

# Force shaping means some can leave active duty early

By Maj. John Thomas  
Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — There is good news for thousands of airmen considering leaving active duty who thought they could not because of existing service obligations.

An effort dubbed "force shaping" is opening the exit doors to officers and enlisted servicemembers in select career fields and year groups by waiving some active-duty service commitments previously incurred for events like government-funded education, permanent changes of station and promotion.

Force shaping includes opportunities to transition to the Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard, and can relieve some people of their active-duty service commitments.

Rules for leaving active duty early will be the least restrictive for anyone wanting to transfer to the Guard or Reserve through the Palace Chase program.

Some bonus payback requirements may also be waived, officials said.

Applications for any of the force-shaping early release programs must be made through local military personnel flights by March 12.

More than 16,000 additional people — 12,700 enlisted and 3,900 officers — currently projected to leave will be allowed out to help the service return to its authorized active-duty force size by Sept. 30, 2005. The goal is to get within authorized end strength while avoiding

"extreme measures" that "wreak havoc" with mission and morale, officials said.

Active-duty airmen wanting to transfer to the Reserve or Guard will be able to apply for a waiver of an active-duty service commitment regardless of their career field.

"We're a total force, and for our active-duty airmen who would like to separate early and still retain a connection to their Air Force, the Palace Chase program provides the perfect vehicle to preserve operational capability while reducing active-duty end strength," said Maj. Gen. John Speigel, the Air Force's director of personnel policy at the Pentagon.

"We're focusing a big part of our efforts there because it keeps (servicemembers)

## Civilians now required to file split disbursement

### Tailwind Staff

The Air Force recently implemented split disbursement for all civilian personnel.

Effective immediately, civilian employees must file a mandatory travel voucher split disbursement provision, according to officials.

Default split disbursement is mandatory for all civilians unless otherwise specified in corresponding travel orders. Personnel should separately identify travel card charges on their travel claim and directly disburse these amounts to Bank of America. Split disbursement is not available for permanent change of station payments.

Supervisors or approving officials are required to review and sign all travel claims. Any claims that fail to designate government travel card charges for split disbursement will be returned to the traveler.

For more information contact the base finance

# CRIME STOPPER

## TRAVIS SECURITY FORCES ACTIVITY

### Jan. 26

911 Fire emergency at Bldg. 549  
911 fire emergency at Bldg. 558  
Hit and run accident in David Grant USAF Medical Center parking lot  
Damage to private property at the Visitors Center  
Active duty civil incarceration/domestic violence off base

### Jan. 27

Vandalism in parking lot of Bldg. 480  
Verbal altercation at the commissary  
911 — hazardous materials incident on Hangar Drive  
Unauthorized solicitation in dormitories  
Minor vehicle accident on Travis Avenue  
911 call — assistance request at DGMG

### Jan. 28

Damage to government property off base  
Failure to control visitors  
Animal control in the housing area  
Theft of private property in the housing area

### Jan. 29

Identity theft incident  
Shoplifting at the base exchange  
Domestic disturbance in housing  
Minor vehicle accident in the commissary parking lot  
Suspicious package at the Main Gate

### Jan. 30

Animal control in the housing area  
Fraud report off base  
Hit and run accident in Bldg. 381 parking lot  
Shoplifting at BX  
Civilian DUI/driving on revoked license at the Main Gate  
Loud noise complaint in the housing area

### Jan. 31

Animal control in the housing area  
Theft of private property off base  
Active duty civil incarceration/drunken in public  
Theft of private property at Delta Breeze Club

### Feb. 1

Assistance request at the DGMG emergency room  
Loud noise complaint in the housing area  
Civilian DUI at the Main Gate  
911 call — medical emergency in the housing area  
Verbal altercation in the dormitories

## HOMETOWN NEWS RELEASES

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before the old ones  
run out. That way,  
your smoke detector  
can warn you and  
your family in the  
event of a fire.



Knowledge is power!  
Read a book at the base library.



# Travis members visit

By Capt. Angela Smith  
60th AMW Public Affairs

For the first time in several years, a group of Travis personnel visited the U.S. Air Force Academy Jan. 29 to 30 as part of an Air Force program to enhance mentoring, career training and morale. The U.S. Air Force Academy sponsor base trip provided 22 active duty Travis personnel who represented 14 different career fields an opportunity to interact closely with cadets.

"It was worthwhile because the enlisted, OTS and ROTC personnel learned a lot about cadet life and they got an understanding of what kind of training Academy officers go through," said Capt. Scott Bowshot, project officer.

The Travis members traveled to Colorado Springs, Colo. via a Travis KC-10. They observed noon meal formation and ate lunch with the cadets. Some Travis members attended classes with cadets from Cadet Squadron 31, the unit that Travis sponsors. In turn, the cadets were briefed on the 60th Air Mobility Wing mis-



Courtesy photo

Airman 1st Class Joshua Swan from the 6th Air Refueling Squadron provides two fourth class cadets (freshmen) a tour of the boom compartment of a KC-10. A group from Travis recently visited the U.S. Air Force Academy Jan. 29 to 30.

sion and toured the KC-10. "Most cadets could hardly believe they could be deployed for up to 100 to 250 days a year. Their jaws dropped. We emphasized it was due to the current operations tempo and that could change over time," Captain Bowshot said.

The cadets were very interested in careers in intelligence, civil engineering and pilot training. The first class

cadets (seniors) will be assigned their careers very soon.

"It was an eye-opening experience to see the Academy first-hand. It's amazing how these cadets shine even under all the pressures they face. They are very excited to begin their active duty careers," said 2nd Lt. Jason Munro, a trip participant.

## OPSEC Tip of the Week

**FACT:** "If espionage has occurred or is occurring at Travis AFB, one or some of your colleagues or perhaps even you are the threat." — Foreign Intelligence Service

For more OPSEC information, contact 60 AMW/XP Ms. Cheryl Brown at 424-3345 or Tech Sgt. Abel Saenz at 424-3261.





# Tongue piercing may present dangers to oral health

**By Capt. (Dr.) Matthew Rogers**  
Advanced Education General Dentistry Resident

The practice of oral piercing has increased over the past few years. It's not surprising to see some people sporting a pierced tongue, lips, or even cheeks. The fast fact is that piercings can be dangerous. Oral piercings can cause pain, swelling, infection, drooling, taste loss, scarring, chipped teeth and

tooth loss.

The human mouth contains millions of bacteria and infection is a common complication of oral piercing. Depending on the individual, any infection can be serious. It is not unusual for the tongue to swell after being punctured and in some cases the tongue becomes infected. It may swell enough to interfere with breathing.

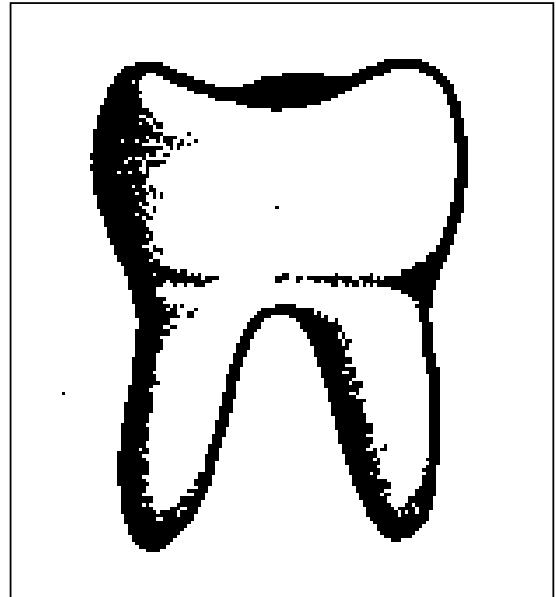
Regardless of how experi-

enced the person doing the piercing claims to be, piercing can cause uncontrollable bleeding and nerve damage. Fractured teeth are a common problem for people with oral piercings. Those who have tongue piercings may chip teeth while eating, sleeping, talking or simply chewing on the jewelry.

Additionally, people can easily choke on the studs, barbells, or hoops that come loose in their mouth. The jewelry worn in the mouth can also hinder that person's ability to eat, not to mention their ability to speak clearly.

Piercing is a fashion trend that involves more than just deciding what jewelry will be attached and where. The decision to pierce your tongue or any other oral structure may have a detrimental effect on your overall oral health.

For more information on this and other dental matters, visit the Arthur J. Sachsel Dental Clinic at the David Grant USAF Medical Center.



## Travis AFOSI earns Region 3-level awards

The following are the 2003 Air Force Office of Special Investigations Region Three Award Winners. They will go on to compete at Headquarters AFOSI level.

**Large Detachment of the Year:** AFOSI Detachment 303, Travis Air Force Base, Calif.

**Team of the Year:** AFOSI Detachment 303, Travis AFB, Calif.

**Field Grade Officer of the Year:** Lt. Col. George Crawford, commander, AFOSI Detachment 303, Travis AFB, Calif.

**Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award, Junior Officer Category:** Special Agent Terry Bullard, AFOSI Detachment 303, Travis, AFB Calif.

**Civilian Agent of the Year:** Special Agent Lance Wega, AFOSI Detachment 303, Travis, AFB Calif.

**Senior Enlisted Agent of the Year:** Special Agent Clark Wisswell, AFOSI Detachment 303, Travis AFB, Calif.

**Reserve IMA Outstanding Airmen of the Year:** Special Agent Dave Downing, AFOSI Detachment 303, Travis, AFB Calif.

## AFOSI seeks new special agents

### Courtesy article

Military members seeking to cross-train into a challenging and rewarding career field should look no further than becoming a special agent with the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

Every special agent is a volunteer. They're members of a highly trained team that investigate crimes against persons and property, defeat and deter base-level and contract fraud, combat threats to our information systems and technologies and provide the Air Force counterintelligence support for its force protection mission. It's a job that involves excitement and opportunity and it could be for you.

Senior airmen (with less than six years time in service), staff sergeants through master sergeants with outstanding records and fewer than 12 years of military

service are eligible. Security forces members in the grades of staff sergeant (select) through master sergeant are eligible. Senior airmen must be in their cross training window (35-38 month four years enlistee/59-62 month for six year enlistees). Members must have at least 18 months time-on-station (waiverable).

Officers must have less than 12 years Total Active Federal Military Service and less than 6 years-Total Active Federal Commission Service to apply. Air Force Personnel Center must agree to release the officer applicant in order to apply. More information can be found at

<http://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/osi/crossflow.htm>.

Applicants with foreign language, computer and technical skills are among those highly sought after by the AFOSI.

Headquarters AFOSI will

be conducting a recruiting briefing at AFOSI Detachment 303, 721 Vandenberg Drive, Bldg. 373, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday. There will be scheduled interviews 8 to 10 a.m. Tuesday at the same location. Interested individuals should plan on attending Monday and bringing a Records Review RIP with them. You can request a RIP from your orderly room.

For more information on AFOSI special agent duty prior to the team's visit, you can visit the Web site at [www.afic.mil](http://www.afic.mil) or contact your local AFOSI detachment at DSN 837-3115, COMM (707) 424-3115.

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# Tips help users maxi- mize e-mail

Tailwind staff

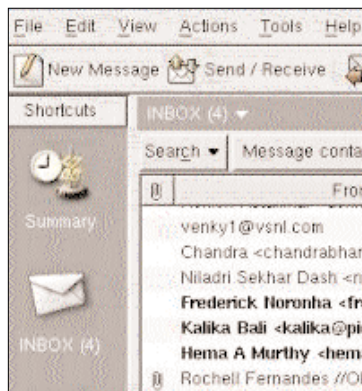
Using e-mail is an important part of daily life at Travis Air Force Base. By following some simple steps, computer users can ensure their e-mail is operating at its maximum capacity.

## Keep the in-box clean

Leaving too many messages in the in-box can make the e-mail software take longer to load. It may even crash. Delete unnecessary items and save the important messages to folders organized by sender or topic. Empty the "deleted items" folder periodically.

## Use rules or filters

Create rules or filters that scan messages as they come in, move them into folders, send automated responses or perform



other functions. Microsoft Outlook and Outlook Express allows users apply any rule to messages already in the in-box. In Outlook, select Tools, Rules Wizard and click the New tab. Users can also color code messages. In Outlook, select Tools, Organize, and then Using Colors.

## Turn the preview pane off

All base network accounts should have

the preview pane feature turned off for Information Assurance purposes. Turning the preview pane on can make a user vulnerable to viruses. Turn the preview pane off in Outlook by going to View, Preview Pane.

## Backup messages

Messages can be backed up to a CD-ROM as needed. Consult the workgroup manager to ensure that data is being backed-up. Don't just assume that it is.

## Create a list

Put e-mail addresses into a group or list. To start the process in Outlook or Outlook Express, open the address book and select File, New, Group (in Outlook it's called a Distribution List).

## Scan for viruses

Don't open or launch unexpected file attachments. Internet worms can spread by sending themselves to every address inside a victim's e-mail program as an attachment. The Travis AFB antivirus software and patches loaded on the network and your PC can catch viruses. However, a new virus can get through. Before clicking on an suspicious e-mail or attachment, talk to the



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# DEAD BATTER- IES CAN T

Change the batteries in your smoke detector before the old ones run out. That way, your smoke detector can warn you and your family in the event of a fire.



# NEED A RIDE?

Telephone numbers for  
local taxi companies are:

Fairfield Taxi:  
422-5555  
Yellow Cab of Vacaville:  
446-1144  
Yellow Cab of  
Sacramento: 916-442-  
4696

Calling a cab is a  
better option than  
the alternatives.



**Air Force Print News**

SAN ANTONIO — The Air Force unveiled a new look, feel and functionality for its official Web site Feb. 1.

"Air Force Link, the service's Web site, will have a cleaner, more modern look," said Leslie Benito, chief of news technology and project manager for the redesign for Air Force News Service, a part of the Air Force News Agency.

Air Force Link provides news and information on the Air Force to more than 1.2 million visitors who are provided more than 12.8 million Web pages a month.

The new AF Link is not just about a new look, Mr. Benito said, it is about improved functionality.

In fact, this is the fourth time the look and functionality of Air Force Link has been revamped since its creation in 1995.

Each new version built upon the lessons learned from the older one and incorporated additional features.

"It's been more than four years since the site had a major face-lift so it was time for an overhaul," said Mr. Bob Goode, AFNS chief of communication design. "We've done

our market research and testing, and the final product is something we're proud of."

The redesign team looked at all the major commercial news sites, what the other services were doing, and delved into a score of other new approaches that have appeared on popular Web

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Mr. Bob Goode, AFNS

sites using the latest technology.

"Navigating the site will be easier," Mr. Benito said. "We've also added many new features."

One of the biggest customer concerns was the site's search engine.

"We've revamped the entire search function and added the power of Google," Mr. Benito said. "The new search feature will not only allow sitewide searches, but can scour specific categories to narrow

results."

Another improvement is the enhanced subscriptions management section, allowing customers to subscribe and unsubscribe from more than 15 print products delivered via e-mail.

Additionally, usability of the photos section has vastly improved, Mr. Benito said. The photo section is second only to the news section as the most viewed area of Air Force Link.

"We have a more compact design which allows visitors to get more photos, faster, on one screen," Mr. Goode said.

Culminating five months of hard work by the redesign team, the new Air Force Link will be ready to serve a growing worldwide audience with an improved online experience that is setting a new standard for military Web sites, Mr. Benito said.

Air Force News Service is an operational directorate of the Air Force News Agency. Its mission is to provide timely, accurate and relevant Air Force and Department of Defense news and information to the Air Force community and the public. It does this using print, electronic and Internet-based computer products.

## Motorized scooter riders must obey road rules

Tailwind staff

Thousands of people have to go to the emergency room due to injuries from using a motorized scooter, according to the Consumer Product Safety Commission. Some people have been killed. The number of injuries are increasing as the scooters become more popular. In 2000, there were 4,390 injuries and in 1999, only 1,330, according to the CPSC.

Riders should always use helmets, elbow pads and knee pads when operating a motorized scooter. Posted below are the major codes or rules of the road that apply to the operation of motorized scooters on Travis.

### Maximum Speed:

May not exceed 15 mph. The operator shall not operate it on a highway (which also includes city streets) with a speed limit in excess of 25 mph, unless the motorized scooter is operated within a bike lane.

### Operating at night:

Motorized scooters are required to have the proper lighting equipment and reflectors, including a headlight that casts light a minimum of 300 feet ahead.

### Maneuvering:

Preparing for a left turn, the operator shall stop and dismount as close as practical to the right curb or right edge of the roadway and complete the turn by crossing the roadway on foot, subject to the restrictions placed on pedestrians. If a bike lane exists; any person operating a motorized scooter upon the roadway shall ride within a bicycle lane.

### Motorized scooter operator should not:

- » Operate a motorized scooter when the operator is under the age of 16 years old.
- » Operate a motorized scooter without wearing a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet.
- » Operate a motorized scooter while carrying anything preventing from having at least one hand on the handlebars.
- » Operate a motorized scooter with any passengers.
- » Operate a motorized scooter on any sidewalk.
- » Operate a motorized scooter with the handle bars above the shoulders.
- » Do not operate a motorized scooter while intoxicated. It is a DUI.

The best guests to invite to a party are the designated drivers.

## Membership drive goes into second phase

### 60th Services Squadron

Part two of the annual club membership drive is under way, and squadrons have yet another chance to earn money for their booster clubs.

The Delta Breeze Club will award units with checks for their booster clubs if they have the most new members from the mail out campaign. Small squadrons could win \$75 (minimum of 20 new members), \$150 for medium (minimum of 40 new members), and \$200 for large squadrons (minimum of 60 new members).

Last October, the 60th Equipment Maintenance Squadron won \$500 as a large squadron, 60th Medical Diagnostics and Therapeutics Squadron won \$250 as a medium and 715th Air Mobility Squadron won \$100 as a small squadron.

"What a neat way to raise money for the squadrons and increase club membership," said Charles Thomas, DBC assistant manager.



Photo by Daniel Amara / 60th Services Squadron

Squadron winners of the October Delta Breeze Club membership drive take advantage of a free buffet.

Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three squadrons in March.

Individuals can help their squadrons win and earn free dues with the year-round Members Recruiting Members program. Any current members who sponsor a new member will receive two months free dues after the new member has been

with the club for six months. It's possible to never pay dues at the DBC simply by signing up one new person everyone two months.

Potential club members may have already received correspondence regarding Air Force Club Membership and the Platinum MasterCard from Bank One with some incorrect information pre-printed on the applications.

Disregard the "Good Until Date" located at the bottom of the membership application. Membership applications will be accepted through Tuesday, Feb. 27. Disregard info requesting applications be returned to Bank One or to the Services Agency. Interested parties should return their application to the Delta Breeze Club by 4 p.m. Feb. 27.

Applications can be dropped off at the DBC cashier's cage Tuesday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. For more information about club membership, call 437-3711.



Tech. Sgt. Jerry Miller, 60th Aerial Port Squadron received the Quarterly Award for outstanding NCO.

# 615th AMOS prepares for real world deployment

By Master Sgt. Scott King  
60th AMW Public Affairs

Their motto — Extending the Reach. Their mission — to provide world class in-garrison and tactical communications support for all taskings providing state-of-the-art and superior command and control, SATCOM, radio, telephone, data and technical control operations during exercises and real-world missions.

The 615th Air Mobility Operations Squadron based at Travis does this by coordinating communications, airlift, and aerial refueling activities for AMC Tanker Airlift Control Centers at deployed locations across the globe, helping to ensure a seamless mobility system.

This week they trained to do exactly this.

"We train for real-world deployments," said Master Sgt. Mark Cruikshank, NCOIC of 615th AMOS deployed voice element. "All week we have been honing our skills and re-servicing equipment. In a nutshell — it was an internal exercise to ensure we are always ready when needed."

Information technology is a force multiplier for both command and control and operations. Information technology also provides the 'nervous system' for the modern military and is often challenging and complex to train personnel on.

"One of the greatest challenges for communicators is training the warriors who make that technology work," said Capt. David Abel, 615th AMOS Plans Flight commander. "One week of commercial training for a single person can cost thousands of dollars. Air Force training slots are sometimes hard to come by, and are usually unit funded. Computer based training is helpful, but is no replacement for hands-on experience. That is why this one week of training is so important — our personnel need to be ready as soon as they 'hit the ground' in a deployed location."

This week we are going through a "Theater Deployable Communications" boot camp put on by our more experienced NCOs, Captain Abel said. Our airmen are receiving rigorous, hands-on technical training 12 hours-a-day, learning the skills that they will use on deployment.

The squadron has set up a TDC network on Travis modeled after networks they've set up during previous deployments. They are connecting to the Defense Information System Network through a Satellite and a Ground Entry Point at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J. With this site configuration they are able to provide all of the DISN services including DSN (voice), NIPRNet/SIPRNet (email, web, data), and Video Teleconference capability.

"This week has been great for me," said Airman First Class Luke Radonich. "After my nine months of tech school and six months of upgrade training so far at Travis, this week kind of put it all together for me — it's been really hands-on and I feel like I'll be prepared, when — not if I deploy."

Captain Abel went on to say, "The hands-on approach of this week, the repetition and familiarization of tasks and equipment, and the NCO leadership and instruction are all key ingredients to making outstanding Air Force communications warriors — they'll be ready."

## 615th AMOS Communications Equipment

### » Global Decision Support System

GDSS provides its users automated capabilities designed to support aircraft schedule dissemination, aircrew management, and to facilitate global execution and monitoring of AMC's world airlift and air refueling mission.

### » Downsized Deployable Communications

This system is designed to provide USTRANSCOM with immediate, wide-band satellite communications in support of 100 percent intransit visibility (ITV).

### » Automatic Telephone Switchboard

Designed to provide reliable and responsive automatic switching of unsecured voice and data circuits under adverse military environmental conditions.

### » Pacer Bounce

A transportable, High Frequency (HF) receiver-transmitter, designed for short range, medium range, and long range tactical ground-to-ground, and ground-to-air radio telephone

communications.

### » AN/TRC-176 Radio Set

A transportable, two band (VHF-UHF) receiver-transmitter designed for short range, tactical ground-to-ground, and ground-to-air radio telephone communications.

### » HAVE DAMA

The HAVE Demand Assign Multiple Access (DAMA) subsystem has been designed to enhance the HammerRICK data handling capacity.

### » RF Microwave Antenna Kit (v2)

The Radio Frequency Module provides wireless transmission of voice and data from node to node and hub to node in the TDC ICAP network.

» Network Control Center Deployed includes equipment for managing ICAP networks, and information assurance tools for protecting both SIPRNet and NIPRNet deployed networks.

### » USC-60A Satellite Terminal

The USC-60A is a 2.4 meter Tri-Band Satellite Terminal featuring rapid setting-up/tearing down, high data rates, with local and/or Remote operation.



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(Bottom far left) Staff Sgt. Mark Querrero fine tunes a basic access module used to establish a telephone system in a bare base environment. (Top far left) Senior Airman John Koenig and Staff Sgt. Andrew Balido set up a RF module to establish a voice and data communications link. (Top right) Senior Airman Scott Tu practices programming basic access modules for telephone access at a bare base sight during a recent exercise. (Above) Members from the 615th AMOS set up basic access modules that are used to establish a telephone system in a bare base environment. (Left) Staff Sgt. Danielle Howell and Staff Sgt. Joanne Thai bring a server online.

Visual Information

# COMMUNITY BRIEFS

## TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

### Announcements

#### Sail to Mexico

Leisure Travel is now booking rooms on Celebrity Cruise Lines' seven-day cruise from San Francisco to Cabo San Lucas March 28 to April 3. Inside rooms are less than \$700 for two. Price includes meals, room services, entertainment, taxes and port charges. For more information, call Georgie Ellis at Leisure Travel at 424-0971 or stop by her desk located inside Travis Outdoor Recreation, 273 Ellis Drive, Bldg. 863.

#### Youth Performing Arts Camp

Missoula Children's Theatre is hosting the Youth Performing Arts Camp as part of the 2004 Neil Buckley Performing Arts Series. Youth between the ages of 14 and 18 with a passion for the performing arts are encouraged to apply. The camp will be held from July 26 to 30 at Seeley Lake near Missoula, Mont. Applications may be picked up at the Youth Center. Camp Registration, lodging, food and transportation from Travis will be provided. Completed applications and audition tape must be turned in to the Youth Center by March 5.

#### Support women, win Services

The Women's History Month committee is selling tickets for a chance to win a Valentine Gift Basket Feb. 11. The prizes include a dinner for two at Props, free transportation for two on an ITT tour, free bowling for two at Travis Bowl, \$20 off framing services at the Frame Shop, free twilight golf for two at Cypress Lakes Golf Course and half off a one hour massage for two at the Fitness Center.

Buy tickets at the Base Exchange from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today through Feb. 6 and Feb. 9 to 10. For more information, call Robin Martin at 423-5430.

#### Learn a new hobby

Now is the time to sign up for the beginner's woodworking and framing classes at the Skills Development Center. Woodworking is an eight week class taught Tuesdays from 5 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$75 plus materials. The deadline to sign up is March 9.

The beginning framing class is from 9 a.m. to noon Feb. 7 and 14. The advanced framing class is from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 17. Framing classes are \$30 and include materials to frame a 5x7 piece of artwork. For more information, call 424-1338 or 424-2929 for details.

#### Golf tournament

On Feb. 21, Cypress Lakes Golf Course will host a 4-Person 2-Ball tournament. Skill is not necessary for this tournament because only the two best balls are counted for score. The tournament costs \$10 plus green fees.

### Weekly Events

#### Today

▲ Friday Themed Socials at the Delta Breeze Club offer drink specials from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and a food spread from 5 to 6 p.m. in both the Enlisted and Officers' Lounges for free for all club members. Non-members can pay \$5 or join the club on the spot and get in for free.

▲ Galaxy Bowling at Travis Bowl features strobe lights, disco ball, glowing pins and dance music from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. For more information, call 437-4737.

#### Saturday

▲ Ski with the Outdoor Adventure Program. Transportation is \$12 per person and rental skis, snowboards and snow gear are available at Outdoor Recreation. For more information, call 424-5659.

#### Sunday

▲ Enjoy elegant dining at the DBC's Champagne Sunday Brunch from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Adult Club members pay only \$14.95, children 6 to 12 are only \$5.95, and kids under 5 eat for free.

#### Monday

▲ Spouse Employment Orientation is from 9 to 10 a.m. for newly arrived spouses. Topics include employment and career development programs at the Family Support Center. For more information, call 424-2486.

#### Tuesday

▲ The Mitchell Memorial Library entertains preschoolers with storytelling and crafts every Tuesday from 9 to 10 a.m. This week's theme is Valentine's Day. Children will hear "Porcupine" and "The Night Before Valentine's Day" and will make valentine crafts. For more information or to become a volunteer, call 424-3279.

▲ The FSC Readiness NCO will conduct Personal Preparedness Briefings at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. for those tasked with TDYs or contingencies. For more information or reservations, call 424-2486.

▲ Marketing Yourself for a Second Career, is presented by a member of The Retired Officers' Association headquarters staff in Alexandria, Va., from 9 a.m. to noon at the Travis Conference Center. For more information, call 424-2486.

▲ Win a minimum of \$200 at the DBC Club Card Drawing every Tuesday from 5 to 6 p.m. Each week, a club member's name will be selected at random, if that person is in attendance they win the whole pot. A total of six names are drawn, after which the pot is rolled over till next week and increase by \$50.

▲ Resume Writing Skills is from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Learn how to write resumes that get interviews. Fundamentals include effective formats, cover letters, and marketing plans. Individual



Photo by Christy Mann Iames / 60th Services Squadron

Airman 1st Class Peter Snyder, 60th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, demonstrates how he uses the lathe at the Wood Skills Center to shape the legs of the gaming table he is building. For more information on woodworking classes, call 424-1313.

resume review sessions available by appointment.

▲ Get informed about various aspects of military retirement including finances, lifestyle, social security, final shipments, health, housing and legal issues at a 2-day Family Support Center workshop Feb. 10-11 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information or to sign up, call 424-2486.

#### Wednesday

▲ Women, Infants and Children representatives will be at the Family Support Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. For more information, call 435-2200.

▲ Travis Bowl is offering unlimited bowling including shoe rental from 3 to 5 p.m. for only \$5.

▲ Ski with the Outdoor Adventure Program. Transportation is \$12 per person and rental skis, snowboards and snow gear are available at Outdoor Recreation. For more information, call 424-5659.

#### Thursday

▲ The FSC Readiness NCO will conduct Personal Preparedness Briefings at 2 p.m. for those tasked with TDYs or contingencies. For more information or reservations, call 424-2486.

▲ Women, Infants and Children representatives will be at the Family Support Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. For more information, call 435-2200.

▲ Interviewing Skills I is 8 a.m. to noon at the Family Support Center. This is a two-part series on interviewing techniques, how to get interviews, answer difficult questions, how to present yourself to increase hiring potential, negotiating salary and benefits and more. For more information, call 424-2486.

#### Weekly

▲ The Family Support Center was established to improve the quality of life for military and civilian families and single members assigned to Travis. Programs are offered to those who need help with parenting, financial, employment, and many other areas. However,

not all families or individuals who need help come in. There is an underlying fear that official personnel or medical files are documented. Official files are not documented. The only type of information gathered is for statistical purposes. Don't be afraid to use the Family Support Center. For more information, call 424-2486.

### Chapel Ser -

#### Catholic

▲ Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 11:30 a.m., Catholic Mass, Chapel One.

▲ Wednesday, noon, Catholic Mass, DGMC Chapel.

▲ Saturday, 4:15 to 4:45 p.m., confessions, Chapel One.

▲ Saturday Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel One.

▲ Sunday Mass, 9 a.m., Chapel One.

▲ Sunday Mass, 12:30 p.m., Chapel Center.

#### Protestant

▲ Friday, noon, 30-minute worship service, DGMC Chapel.

▲ Sunday, 8 a.m., community, praise service, Chapel Center.

▲ Sunday, 10:30 a.m., traditional Protestant service, Chapel Center.

▲ Sunday, 5 p.m., Inside Out Contemporary service, Chapel Center. Children's program provided. For more information, contact Chaplain (Capt.) Abner Valenzuela at 423-3651.

▲ Sunday, 11 a.m., Gospel service, Chapel One.

For Jewish information please call 2nd Lt. Daniel Minkow, 424-1311.

For other religious activities, call Chapel Center at 424-3217.

# NEWS NOTES

## TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

### AFOU Ribbon

Anyone who was assigned to the 60th Air Mobility Wing from July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2003 has been awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award ribbon.

### Mandatory network training

An annual mandatory network user training is being instituted command-wide for all users. Training must be completed by Feb. 14 and annually thereafter. This training must be accomplished through an Air Force on-line computer base training service at <http://usaf.smartforce.com/>. Once logged in successfully, click on "IA Courses" on the drop down menu on the left hand side of the page. Then click on Network User Licensing. From the pop-up menu, note the options called "Launch Course," "Take a test" or "Certificate." Select "Launch Course" to take the tutorial and prepare for the course test. Once complete, select "Course Test" to launch the test wizard. The Web site will track compliance, but users will have to print the completion certificate for their

workgroup manager per AFI 33-115V1, para 5.4.

### Scholarships

Travis Officers' and Enlisted Spouses Club Scholarships are now available. Anyone interested must pick them up from either their local high school counselors, the thrift shop, the Family Support Center, the library, or the Education Office. The deadline is March 31. For more information, call Doreen Stapleton at 437-2350 or Dodie Netto at 422-3891.

### National Prayer Breakfast

Travis AFB will be celebrating the National Prayer Breakfast Feb. 17 at 7 a.m. at the Delta Breeze Club. The keynote speaker for this special event is Chaplain, (Brig Gen) Charles Baldwin, Deputy Chief of the Air Force Chaplain Service. The ticket cost is \$5 and must be purchased by Tuesday. This year's breakfast menu includes scrambled eggs, ham, home fried potatoes, biscuits, fruit, orange juice, ice water, coffee and assorted teas. The dress is the uniform of the day. For more

information please contact Chaplain, (Capt.) Abner Valenzuela at 423-3651 or Senior Airman Jessica Duplaintis at 424-3217.

### Medics Ball hosted by DGMC Spouse's Group

The DGMC Spouse's Group is hosting a Mardi Gras Celebration Feb. 21, at 7:00 pm, at Cypress Lakes Golf Course. Everyone who works at DGMC is invited to attend and bring a date. Attire is semi-formal and mess dress is not required. We will have food, cocktails, live music and karaoke. Cost is \$10 per person and tickets may be purchased by contacting Mr. Tegan Sexton 437-8569, Ms. Suzanne Adams 451-9430 or Ms. Karen Maddux 437-3851.

### Classroom supply drive

Golden West Middle School is looking to the community to help support the school and students by requesting a donation of standard issued classroom supplies. Anyone interested in making a donation should call Master Sgt. Robert Griffin at 424-5078.

### AFCOMP meeting

The next AFCOMP meeting is at 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Feb. 17 at the 60th Maintenance Group Conference Room. The guest speaker will be Col. Dan Steele, 60th MXG commander.

### Does work have you stressed out?



The Health and Wellness Center has stress-relieving massage chairs available by appointment or walk-ins. Call 424-4332.



### Important Notice

In the interest of base beautification, base housing residents are asked to refrain from putting up signs to advertise on-base yard sales. Posting yard sale signs on utility poles is a violation of 60 AMWI 90-3 and the California Utilities Commission's Code of Regulations. Do not post yard sale signs on utility poles around the base. Notices can be posted at the shoppette or announced in the *TAILWIND*.

**Saturday, Feb. 7, 7 a.m. - noon, 113 Arizona Street. Call 439-0975.**

### Vehicles

Ford Ltd. Brougham, 400 ci, ac, power windows/seats, am/fm/cassette, rebuilt engine, \$2,400 obo. Call 448-5317.

2004 Suzuki LTZ, 400, four-wheeler, alba edition, sticker kit, seat cover, k&n filter, jet kit, tag bards, exhaust, paddle tires with rims, still under warranty, \$6,100 obo. Call 344-4034.

2001 F-150, black, 30K miles, 4x4, lein lift, 35 in tires (brand new), CD player, tinted windows, fully loaded, 72K mile-warranty, \$19,500 (under Kelly blue book). Call 707-344-4034.

2002 Jetta GL, take over payments, \$300/month, 25 payments left. Call 437-3623.

### Vehicle Accessories

GM Buick Chevrolet, four-button keyless remote, program for your car at local dealer, \$18.95. Call 429-3941.

Toyota 4x4, wheels and tires, six lug o.e., all four \$75. Call 437-4154.

White camper shell for full-sized pick-up truck, \$100 obo. Call 707-344-4034.

### RVs/Boats/Trailers

8'x30' trailer at Lake Berryessa Marina Resort, includes two passes with launch privileges, one guest

pass, make offer. Call 707-592-8714.

### Miscellaneous

Complete girls bedding set, complete sports boy bedding set, Panasonic tv/vcr combo, Panasonic DVD player, Panasonic VCR, Panasonic stereo system, movies, clothes, shoes, storage, footlockers, disney suitcases and much more. Call 439-0975.

Maternity clothes, shirts \$3-5; pants \$5, dresses and two-piece outfits, \$5-8, sizes m-xl. Call 437-3115.

Ladies XL, Marc Jacobs, leather jacket, \$60 obo. Call 437-3115.

Two Volkswagon Shopper Trikes plus spare engine, \$985 cash. Call 422-6755.

Collection of 3,735 stamps from 125 countries, \$70. Call 425-9632.

Girls 20" bike with hand brake, white tires, \$15; Disney comforter has letters and characters on it, \$7.50. Call 429-0323.

### Furniture

Oak roll top desk seven drawer, 48" tall, 50" wide, 22" deep, \$100; rain-bow vacuum system plus all attachments, \$100. Call 707-428-0484.

Three book cases/desk/top hutch - light oak color, \$300 obo. Call 454-0436.

Drapes, fully-lined, new satin gold, five-pr, 80x84", 80x94", 80x40", \$250 obo. Call 429-3941.

Pink heart daybed, metal with mattress, sheets, electric blanket, mattress cover, \$200; blue full-sized wool blanket, \$5. Call 429-0323.

Seven-piece dining room set, \$250; center table 22"w, 17"h, 42"l, 30 obo. Call 437-2512 after 5 p.m.

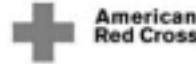
Sofa/love seat \$75; futon \$50; dresser/mirror, \$50; five-drawer chest, \$25. Call 455-9808.

### Roommate wanted

Lawler Ranch, Suisun, 2bd, 2ba, 2-car garage, w/d, full kitchen, furnished, freeway access, close to Travis, female preferred, mature attitude, \$800/month, 1/2 utilities, renter will mostly have house to self. Call 707-718-3838.

## Military Personnel and Immediate Family

To reach members of your family in times of emergency need, call the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Service Center toll-free at (877) 272-7337.



## Promotions Retirements Awards Medals HOMETOWN NEWS RELEASES

When something big happens in your military career, it's worth telling the folks back home. To learn how, call 424-2011

PCSing

Training

Reenlistments

Education

## DEAD BATTERIES

Change the batteries in your smoke detector before the old ones run out. That way, your smoke detector can warn you and your family in the event of a fire.



### Athletic Equipment

Lifecycle 5500r recumbent stationary bike, motivating feedback on electronic console, \$150 obo; Norditrac SkiExerciser with pulse meter, \$50 obo. Call 707-426-2921.

Women's Rossignol purple parabolic skis (160 cm) includes bindings with Technic boots (8 1/2 N), \$225 obo. Call 453-0436.

### For rent

1In Dixon, 3bd, 2ba, 2-car garage, wood floors, fireplace, vaulted ceilings, fully landscaped yard, new, all-major appliances included, pool, pets neg., avail. now, \$1695/month. Close to schools, shopping, interstate. Military landlord. Call 707-693-0714 or 707-689-6290.

1bd, 1ba, apartment for rent, no deposit, first month free 850 sq. ft., \$800/month, all utilities except electric paid, covered parking. Call 707-688-6637.

Suisun, four br, 2ba, t/r, f/p, 1792 sq. ft. near Travis, \$1500/month, \$1500 deposit, avail. now. Call 619-934-0807.

### Appliances

Dishwasher, Kenmore with disposal, portable or can be built in, \$150. Call 437-2568.

Microwave oven (Sharp) with carousel, medium size, \$30; Toastermaster ultravection oven, one-year-old, instructions included, \$40. Call 437-2461.

27" Toshiba tv with remote and entertainment center, \$200. Call 707-628-6053.

35" console RCA TV with PIP, \$150 obo. Call 707-693-0714.

### Free

Full size box spring, full/queen bed rails. Call 437-2512 after 5 p.m.

## Tailwind Free Swap Ad

To place a free classified ad, you must be military, civil service, retired or a family member. Complete the following form and leave it in the drop box at the 60th AMW Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 51, on Brennan Circle (next to the Travis Air Museum). The **DEADLINE IS NOON MONDAY** for the following Friday's issue. There is a maximum of 25 words and two ads per household per week. All ads must be legible. No ads for money-making businesses or the sale of firearms or firearm accessories will be accepted.

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## Into the blue



Photo by Master Sgt. Scott King / 60th AMW Public Affairs

Vida Blue, former Oakland A's and San Francisco Giants major league baseball player, attended the African American Heritage Extravaganza Tuesday as a special guest. In 1972, Mr. Blue was league's the Most Valuable Player and earned the Cy Young Award for pitching. While at the extravaganza he signed autographs and gave a short speech.

# Youth Center offers liberal arts classes

By Christy Mann-Iames  
60th Services Squadron

Learning to dance, act, speak Spanish or play a musical instrument is convenient when the classes are available on base at the Travis Youth Center. These Liberal Arts classes are offered on an ongoing basis and are available to all DoD employees, active duty military, reservists and their dependents. Adults are welcome to take the classes on their own or with their child.

The specific classes vary from season to season depending upon what instructors are available and what classes the base populace is interested in. Currently, the Youth Center offers individual guitar and piano lessons, group beginning Spanish, ballet and

modern dance classes and more.

The three newest classes are Art, Drama and American Kempo Karate.

### Art Class

Caroline Page, a well-known local artist whose paintings have won numerous awards, will be teaching the fundamentals of drawing and painting. Her classes are Wednesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. and 4 to 5 p.m. The cost is \$30 per month.

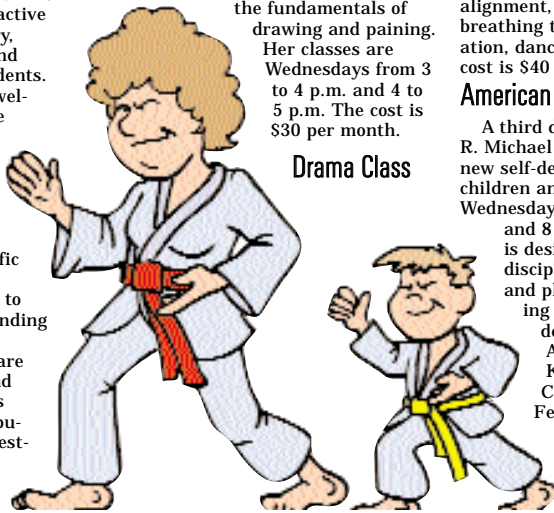
### Drama Class

James Tyrone Wallace, accomplished actor and director teaches drama

Thursday for 7 to 10 year olds and 11 to 13 year olds. The class is designed to introduce students to exercises that help strengthen vocal abilities, improve stage presence and heighten awareness and listening skills while they work toward a mini showcase. Topics include: stage movement, concentration on actor's alignment, combat and mime, breathing techniques, enunciation, dance and more. The cost is \$40 per month.

### American Kempo Karate

A third degree Black Belt, R. Michael Beal instructs a new self-defense class for children and adults Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. and 8 to 9 p.m. The class is designed to build self-discipline, confidence and physical conditioning while learning self defense based upon American Kempo Karate and the Chinese Karate Federation's concepts and principals. The cost is \$40 per month. Call the Youth Center at 424-5392 for more information about these and other classes.



## Travis Bowl offers unique, fun, games, parties, events

60th Services Squadron

It may be 60 feet from the scratch line to the head pin, but people can't measure the fun they can have at the Travis Bowl. Whether it is a squadron tournament or a relaxing game with family and friends, there is more than one way to have fun at the Travis Bowl.

That fun doesn't have to come at an expensive price. A regular line of bowling costs \$2.50, which is often less than the cost of shoe rental at other locations. Shoe rental at the Travis Bowl is \$1.25.

The cost of bowling goes down even further during the day. Discount bowling fees are available Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. — only \$1.50 per line, and also on Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

However, the real fun at Travis Bowl comes from their unique games and parties:

### Bowling Bonanza

Rope a spare during unlimited bowling for \$5 every Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. The price includes show rental.

### Colorama

If feeling lucky, try bowling during Colorama to win cash for making certain shots. Colorama starts every Saturday at 7 p.m. The truly lucky can bowl for even bigger bucks in the Strike Pot and the Mega Pot. It's \$11 to play, which

includes three lines of bowling.

### Galaxy Bowling

Add in some strobe lights, a disco ball, glowing pins and dance music and bowling is out of this world. Galaxy Bowling is every Friday night from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Cost is only \$2.50 per line of bowling, plus the \$1.25 shoe rental.

### Tournaments

A great way to boost squadron morale is to have a fun tournament. The Travis Bowl has created a new tournament package to help squadrons and other groups with their prizes.

The larger the group, the bigger and better the prizes that the Travis Bowl will provide. With 32 participants you can sport eight 4-person teams, and the Travis Bowl will award a prize pool worth over \$50. This includes bowling pin tumblers, hand towels and car window shades (while supplies last). Bump up the number of players to 40, and the Travis Bowl tosses in a bowling ball.

### Birthday Parties

A bowling party can make a birthday extra special. With 32 lanes there is sure to be enough room and fun for all ages. Don't forget there is bumper bowling at every lane for the little ones who need a little help.

To plan a squadron tournament or a birthday party, give the Travis Bowl a call at 437-4737.



Photo by Daniel Amara / 60th Services Squadron

Kyle Szweluga sends a bowling ball down the lane at Travis Bowl.

## SPORTS SHORTS

## TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE

## Press your luck

Compete for Commander's Trophy points and press your luck at the Bench Press Competition Feb. 27 at 2 p.m. To be involved in the unit fitness challenge, contact the unit sports representative before Feb. 23. For more information, call 424-2008.

## Teen Basketball

Beginning Monday, the Youth Center will register youth ages 13 to 18 for

their new Operation Night Hoops Basketball League. Games will be played every Friday night between 7 and 10 p.m. from March 5 to April 30. Features of the league include a variety of teen-oriented events, games and life-skills workshops for players and friends on game nights. The \$20 registration fee includes jerseys, workshops and games. For more information or to volunteer as a coach, call Charles Rodgers at 424-0723.

## Rewarding workouts

Patrons who attend a fitness class at the Fitness Center between Jan. 20 and March 31 will earn points on the SMART Goals program. Each participant chooses a fitness goal to achieve

in the time allowed and keeps track of classes attended on their SMART card. Each participant receives an entry in the Grand Prize drawing upon completing their goal, trying six different types of classes and attending a total of 48 classes. Sign up for a fitness class and start earning points.

## Chico Velo "Wildflower Century"

Members of the Chico Velo Cycling Club are looking for individuals who are interested in riding 65 to 100 miles for the sake of fitness on April 25 for the "Wildflower Century."

The Wildflower is the anchor of the Chico Velo Century (100-mile bicycle route) series. The rides satisfy the three

biggest century rider's desires: the challenge; the scenery, and; the food.

Local organizers hope that doing this will establish a network of members from the Travis Team who are avid bicycle riders.

For more information, log on to: <http://www.chicovelo.org/wildflowernew.htm> or contact Capt. Richard Pulido of the 60th Medical Group at 423-3595.

To submit a story, e-mail the Tailwind at [tailwind@travis.af.mil](mailto:tailwind@travis.af.mil) or call 424-2355.

## Aerobics Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5:30 - 6:30 a.m. Core cycling	5:30 - 6:30 a.m. Core Butts n' Guts	5:30 - 6:30 a.m. Core cycling	5:30 - 6:30 a.m. Core Turbo Kick	5:30 - 6:30 a.m. Core Butts n' Guts
6:30 - 7:30 a.m. Squadron Cycle	7 - 8 a.m. Squadron cycle	6:30 - 7:30 a.m. Squadron cycle	6:30 - 7:30 a.m. Squadron cycle	7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Squadron cycle
11:30 - 12:30 p.m. Core Step	8:30 - 9:30 a.m. EZ Does It	9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Yoga	8:30 - 9:30 a.m. EZ Does It strength	8:30 - 9:30 a.m. EZ Does It Strength
3 - 4 p.m. Squadron cycle	11:30 - 12:30 p.m. Core cycling	11:30 - 12:30 p.m. Core step	11:30 - 12:30 p.m. Core cycling	9:30 - 10:30 a.m. FIP
4 - 5 p.m. 'Phat' Fitness	3 - 4 p.m. Squadron cycle	3 - 4 p.m. Squadron cycle	12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Squadron cycle	11:30 - 12:30 p.m. Core Step
5 - 6 p.m. Core step aerobics	4 - 5 p.m. Squadron cycle	4 - 5 p.m. Squadron step	3 - 4 p.m. Squadron cycle	4 - 5 p.m. 'Phat' Fitness
6 - 7 p.m. Turbo Kick	5 - 6 p.m. Core step aerobics	5 - 6 p.m. Step	4 - 5 p.m. Squadron cycle	5 - 6 a.m. Turbo Kick
7 - 8 p.m. Core Rep Reebok	6 - 7 p.m. PiYo	6 - 7 p.m. Turbo kick	5 - 6 p.m. Core Cycle	6 - 7 p.m. PiYo
	7 - 8 p.m. Cycling	7 - 8 p.m. Cycling	6 - 7 p.m. Hip-Hop	
			7 - 8 p.m. Rep Reebok	
4 - 5 p.m. Pregnancy/Postpartum class at the HAWC	9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Pregnancy/Postpartum class at the HAWC	11 - 12 p.m. Intro to Yoga	9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Pregnancy/Postpartum class at the HAWC	11 - 12 Intro to Fitball
5 - 7 p.m. Aikido	10:30 - 11:30 Pilates	12 - 1 p.m. Intro to Pilates-HAWC	5 - 6 Pilates	
7 - 8:30 p.m. Kickboxing	12:30 - 6 - 7 p.m. Beginner Yoga	4 - 5 p.m. Pregnancy/Postpartum	6 - 7 p.m. Yoga	
		5 - 7 p.m. Aikido		
		7 - 8 p.m. Kung Fu San Soo	7 - 8 p.m. Faithfully fit at the Chapel	



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## Tonight

7 p.m. Peter Pan (PG)

## Tomorrow

7 p.m. Cheaper by the Dozen (PG)

## Sunday

7 p.m. Cheaper by the Dozen (PG)

Travis movie schedules are subject to change after publication. For up-to-the-minute information, call 437-3855 or visit [www.aafes.com/ems](http://www.aafes.com/ems)